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ESTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

INTERIM REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1940

THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ESTON

Chairman of the Council :- Councillor L.S. Brown

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman :- Councillor Walter Evans

COMMITTEE:

The whole of the Members of the Council constitute the Public Health Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

* MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: James A. Dunlop, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

* SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR & CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT: William Linsley, R.C.P., M.R.S.I., (Meat and Food)

* ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTORS: Alfred King, C.R.S.I. (Meat and Food)
Ronald E.V. Warrand, Cert. S.I.B.

CLERKS: [illegible] W. Verrill
O. Cook)

MATRON OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL: Miss A.M. Wratten.

* Contributions to salary from Exchequer.

ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE WITHIN THE ESTON URBAN DISTRICT

Private Street Works Act, 1892.
Public Libraries Act, 1892 to 1918
and the unrepealed sections of the following Acts:-
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890.
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.
Public Health Act, 1925.

BYE-LAWS

Bye-Laws made by the Eston Urban District Council and allowed by the Ministry of Health on the eleventh day of February 1932:-

New Streets and Buildings; Mortuaries; Common Lodging Houses; Slaughterhouses; Offensive Trades; Houses Let in Lodgings; Nuisances; Removal of Refuse; Hackney Carriages; Parks and Recreation Grounds; Tents, Vans and Sheds.

ESTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1940

To the Chairman and Members of the Eston
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As in the previous year and in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 2314 the report for this year (1940) has, in the interest of economy in the use of paper, to be in the nature of an interim report.

I feel certain that I am expressing the wishes of all when I say that I hope that before another report is due we will have returned to peace time conditions.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. DUNLOP,

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1941.

SECTION "A"

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The last estimate of the population issued by the Registrar General was 29,460.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the district (acres)	5,559
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1940) according to Rate Books	7,882
Rateable Value (at September 1940)	£131,460
Sum represented by penny rate	£490

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

We are unhappily still living under conditions of War with its consequent trade improvement in the industries in this area. There has been no sickness or invalidity of special note during the year. I personally am satisfied from my attendances at the Welfare Centres and from the medical inspection of school children that war-time conditions have had no harmful influence on the health and physique of children. In fact, without being able to give definite statistical proof my observations have given me the impression that the health of children is on the whole better than it was in pre-war depression years.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

There were 30 deaths under one year of age
20 deaths over 1 year and under 5 years of age
9 deaths over 5 years and under 10 years of age
10 deaths over 10 years and under 15 years of age
22 deaths over 15 years and under 25 years of age
40 deaths over 25 years and under 45 years of age
115 deaths over 45 years and under 65 years of age
136 deaths over 65 years and under 75 years of age
16 deaths over 75 years and under 90 years of age

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females
Diphtheria	3	4
Influenza	3	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	-	1
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	2
Respiratory Tuberculosis	9	10
Other Tuberculosis Diseases	3	2
Syphilis	-	-
Cancer, malignant diseases	24	16
Diabetes	-	5
Cerebral hæmorrhage	20	22
Heart disease	40	39
Aneurysm	-	-
Other circulatory diseases	4	3
Bronchitis	23	15
Pneumonia (all forms)	17	15
Other respiratory diseases	1	1
Peptic ulcer	3	-
Diarrhœa etc (under 2 years)	1	1
Appendicitis	-	1
Digestive diseases	4	3
Acute and chronic nephritis	7	4
Puerperal causes	-	1
Congenital debility, premature birth, malformation etc.	6	8
Suicide	4	2
Other violence	20	12
Other defined causes	16	22

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LIVE BIRTHS.	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate	585	298	287
Illegitimate	32	16	16

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimate resident population: 20.9

(Rate for England and Wales: 14.6)

STILL BIRTHS	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate	24	16	8
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births : 38.9

DEATHS

Total	M.	F.
398	209	189

Death rate per 1,000 of the estimate resident population: 13.4

(Rate for England and Wales : 14.3)

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 births
Puerperal sepsis	-	-
Other puerperal causes	1	4.5

DEATH RATES OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	48.6
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	51.1
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	-

ANALYSIS OF INFANTILE MORTALITY, 1940

Cause of Death	Under 1 wk.	1-2 wks	2-3 wks	3-4 wks	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 mth	3-6 mth	6-9 mth	9-12 mth	Total deaths under 1 year
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	3	8
Convulsions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Prematurity	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Marasmus	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Congenital Debility	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Heart Failure	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	3
Meningococcal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Gastro-enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Pneumococcal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Septicæmia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Anencephaly	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Atelectasis of Lungs	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Asphyxia Pallida	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	3
TOTALS	9	1	-	-	10	2	9	3	6	30

POOR LAW RELIEF

The amount of Poor Law Relief paid during the year 1940 was £23,199. 14s. 5d. Details of this amount are set out below.

	£	s	d
SOUTH BANK & NORMANBY (Nos. 1 and 2 Districts)	10,965	4	4
SOUTH BANK & GRANGETOWN (No. 4 District)	4,821	2	1
GRANGETOWN (No. 3 District)	6,032	15	6
ESTON (No. 6 District)	1,380	12	6
	23,199	14	5

LUNATICS (REMOVAL EXPENSES)

GRANGETOWN (No.3 District) £3. 16s. 0d.

SECTION "B"

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

During the year 54 milk samples were sent for bacteriological examination and 204 Diphtheria throat swabs were examined.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The following is a report from the Superintendent of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

"During the year 646 patients have been carried in our motor ambulance to the local hospitals. 31 of these were road accidents. The ambulance travelled 5,784 miles. The Brigade continues to carry out this work voluntarily, no charge being made either for the use of the ambulance or for the service rendered by the drivers and attendants".

NURSING IN THE HOMES

The following is a brief statement of the activities of the Nursing Associations in the area.

SOUTH BANK ASSOCIATION

Four whole-time fully qualified nurses are employed who made the following visits during the year:-

General	4,521
Midwifery & Maternity ...	4,790
Tuberculosis	411
Ante-Natal	1,391
Casual Visits	44
Welfare Centres etc. ...	51
	11,208

ESTON, ORMESBY & WILTON ASSOCIATION

This Association employs two whole-time fully qualified nurses who made the following visits during the year:-

General	3,011
Midwifery & Maternity ...	1,984
Post & Ante-Natal	1,680
Casual Visits	341
Welfare Centres etc., ...	26
	7,042

GRANGETOWN ASSOCIATION

This Association employs three whole-time fully qualified nurses who made the following visits during the year:-

General	2,969
Maternity & Midwifery ...	3,126
Ante-Natal	857
Post-Natal	363
Welfare Centres etc. ...	279
	7,594

SECTION "C"

Details of the various sanitary circumstances under this section will be dealt with in the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION "D"

This will be dealt with in the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION "E"

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SECTION "F"

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

In my last annual report I commented on the remarkable diminution in the number of cases of infectious disease notified and gave as a probable explanation the long absence of children from school owing to War conditions. It is significant that in this year (1940) when practically all children have been at school there has been a considerable increase in the notification of both Scarlet Fever abd Diphtheria. Happily the Scarlet Fever has been of a very mild type with few serious complications and no deaths. The increased instance of Diphtheria on the other hand has given much more cause for anxiety and it is regrettable that 7 deaths occurred from this disease during the year.

Instructions were received from the Ministry of Health to prepare a scheme for the immunisation of children against Diphtheria and I am hopeful that if this scheme meets with a fair measure of response from the parents then we shall be able to do much to eliminate Diphtheria and deaths therefrom.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AID FUMIGATIONS.

592 visits were made in connection with infectious disease. The following is an analysis of the premises disinfected during the year :-

Houses.	Rooms.	Cause.
91	229	Scarlet Fever
55	172	Diphtheria
21	33	Tuberculosis
15	43	Other medical causes
33	115	Other causes
215	592	Totals

ANALYSIS OF THE TOTAL NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) IN AGE GROUPS

	Total cases notified												Total deaths											
	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over
	-	2	1	9	10	36	26	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	-	3	4	7	14	7	10	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
	1	-	1	-	1	5	2	5	7	3	13	1	8	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	8	3
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	-	2	3	3	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	3	4	9	17	20	64	35	25	20	4	21	1	8	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	2	9	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is a table of particulars of infectious diseases treated at the Isolation Hospital during 1940.

Disease	No. of cases admitted	No. in hospital at 31/12/39	No. of cases discharged	No. in hospital at 31/12/40
Scarlet Fever	69	-	61	8
Diphtheria	52	-	37	15
Puerperal Fever	4	-	4	-
Cerebro-spinal fever	12	-	10	2
Measles	5	-	5	-
Mumps	1	-	1	-
German Measles	28	-	28	-
Pneumococcal meningitis	1	-	1	-
Totals	172	-	147	25

The following cases were admitted to the Hospital from outside districts:-
2 Puerperal Fever, 5 Cerebro-spinal Fever, 28 German Measles
1 Mumps.

10 Diphtheria cases were found to be "negative"

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN WARDS

WARD	Disease								
	Scarlet Fever	Pneumonia	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Puerperal fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Cerebro spinal fever	Pneumo coccal meningitis
North West	7	3	6	1	-	1	-	1	-
Grangetown	7	2	6	1	-	1	-	1	-
Normanby	8	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	-
Harcourt	13	5	3	1	-	-	2	1	-
Branch	12	2	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
Central	25	7	15	2	1	9	1	2	1
South Bank	9	6	7	1	-	1	1	-	-
Tilery	13	10	7	1	-	-	-	1	-
Totals	94	39	52	9	2	13	6	7	1

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1940

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year and of all deaths from this disease are shown in the following table in age groups :-

Age Periods	Cases Notified				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 and 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 and 10 years	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
10 and 15 years	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 and 20 years	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
20 and 25 years	1	1	-	1	2	3	-	1
25 and 35 years	4	1	-	2	-	2	-	2
35 and 45 years	3	1	-	-	2	2	1	-
45 and 55 years	3	-	-	-	3	1	-	1
55 and 65 years	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	15	4	1	4	9	10	1	4

The deaths from this cause show an increase of 10 on those for the previous year.

CANCER The total number of deaths from Cancer during the year was 40 which is 4 more than the number for 1939.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Eston Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following report is a somewhat abbreviated record of the year's work carried out by your staff of Sanitary Inspectors.

The various inspections and visits made, together with the action taken and the results obtained are set out in tabulated form and, although the numbers are not so great as in the previous year, they show a good general supervision.

As in the previous year building materials were so restricted as to seriously affect the repair of houses. During most of the year cement was unobtainable and wood, slates and plasters are still most difficult to obtain.

Never in my 26 years experience with your Council have I known so much extra work imposed on the Department or so many extra hours of labour devoted to the work.

Last year I hesitated to predict what could be said of our work during 1940 but, considering that there has been no addition to the staff and the various (other than sanitary) duties now being carried out I hope you will appreciate the efforts made to maintain a good standard of Sanitary Administration in your District.

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM LINSLEY,

Senior Sanitary Inspector &
Cleansing Superintendent.

SECTION "C".

WATER.

There were no new sources of public water supply or important extentions to mains during the year. Two samples of water were taken for chemical and bacteriological examination and proved wholesome and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

No extensive sewerage works were carried out and the method of disposal of sewerage remained the same as heretofor.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

There are no alterations or works of importance to report under this heading.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

There was no change during the year; with the exception of isolated farms and a small number of other premises, the District is served by the water carriage system. General conversion from pail closets took place seventeen years ago.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The only outstanding change of policy during the year was caused by the general erection of air raid shelters in the back streets. These, in many cases, cover the back streets from wall to wall and as there are several of these in the longer streets, it will be understood that the method of removing the refuse is to carry the bins through the shelters to the end of the street. There is only one alternate method, namely by carrying the refuse through the houses, which I do not think your Council would view with approval. It will be clear from the above statement that refuse removal is now a difficult, laborious, and expensive service, naturally the number of men has had to be increased considerably and

rises in wages due to the increased cost of living are factors which tend to increase the costs of Collection.

One new motor Refuse Collecting Van was purchased early in the year owing to the altered conditions of collection.

The cost of street sweeping was materially increased by the greatly advanced cost of brushes and cost of living increases in wages.

Street Gulley Cleaning received regular attention and the sewers were flushed at regular periods. This work is done by horse drawn vehicles and no difficulty was experienced in the provision of haulage.

In the early part of the year the heavy falls of snow which were mentioned in the previous report were also experienced towards the end of the year; most of the cost was expended on County Roads and was therefore borne by the County Council.

The collection of salvage from household refuse was commenced in April and at the end of September £680 of various salvaged materials had been sold.

From October your Council decided to grant the employees engaged on the collection of Salvage a bonus on their wages to encourage the collection and for the extra work involved, this was being continued at the close of the year. As a separate report is presented half yearly on the finance and working of salvage collection it would not appear necessary to pursue the matter further in this report except to state briefly that during the first year of salvage collection (1st April, 1940 to 31st March, 1941) the gross sales of Materials amounted to £1372 and the nett profit £854.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

GENERAL SANITARY WORK.

The following is a tabulated statement of the number and nature of the inspections made during the year under the various Acts, Orders and Byelaws in force within the Urban Area.

Inspections.		Visits.
Dwelling houses inspected under Inspection of District Regulations and Housing Acts	=	28
Dwelling houses (re-inspection) under above	=	302
Dwelling houses (work in progress) under above	=	616
Dwelling houses under Public Health Act etc.	=	519
Dwelling houses (re-inspection) under above.	=	586
Dwelling houses (work in progress) under above	=	76
Interviews with Builders, Owners and others	=	1218
Complaints investigated.	=	149
Inspections of :-		
Bakehouses =	=	13
Common lodging houses =	=	41
Dairies, Cowsheds and milkshops	=	50
Slaughterhouses =	=	424
Markets and Food Stores =	=	70
Workshops and Workplaces =	=	9
Schools =	=	7
Fish and Fried Fish Shops =	=	22
Outworkers premises =	=	1
Courts and Common Yards =	=	312
Conveniences (Public) =	=	34
Rat Infested Premises =	=	25
Infectious disease. =	=	230
Fumigations =	=	237
Drain examinations =	=	290
Under Food & Drugs Act. =	=	57
Under Petroleum Acts. =	=	14
Scavenging & Cleansing =	=	1094
Overcrowding (Housing Act)	=	16
Shops (1912 to 1936) Acts =	=	87
Public Halls. =	=	12
Tents, Vans and Sheds =	=	6
Miscellaneous visits not enumerated above	=	352

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT UNDER NOTICES SERVED.

The various works, which were completed under notices served or after intimation had been given to the Owners or Occupiers, are set out below:-

Number of :-		
Chimneys and roofs repaired.	=	238
Spoutings and rainwater pipes renewed	=	147
Walls rebuilt or repaired	=	147
Floors relaid or repaired	=	153
Ceilings and plasters repaired	=	319
Window frames and sach cords repaired	=	153

Number of:-

Fireplaces repaired	=	=	124
Doors and Frames repaired		=	204
Staircases repaired	=	=	31
Sinks and waste pipes repaired or provided			96
Setpots repaired	=	=	52
House water supplies repaired		=	50
Yard surfaces relaid or repaired		=	31
Refuse bins renewed	=	=	167
Pantries provided or improved		=	1
Coalhouses provided	=	=	1

House Drainage.

Number of :-

Drains tested, relaid or repaired	=	72
New gullies, traps or grids provided	=	54
Stoppages in drains removed by Owners		43
Stoppages in drains removed by Council without Notices being served.		644

Water Closets.

Number of :-

Water supplies repaired	=	517
Cisterns renewed or repaired	=	16
Basins renewed	=	9
Seats and flush pipes renewed	=	10
Stoppages in drains removed by Owners		28
Stoppages in drains removed by Council without Notices being served.		166

Workshops.

Number of :-

Notices received from H.M.Inspector	-
Notices served on Owners or Occupiers	1

Common Lodging Houses.

Number of :-

Visits	=	=	41
Rooms inspected for cleanliness & vermin.			336

COMPLAINTS.

Complaints received were of a general nature, mostly referring to stopped drains, repairs to houses, etc. The number of complaints was mush less than in the previous year, records were kept of their nature and the action taken.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No complaints were received during the year regarding nuisnaces from smoke emissions, most of the large industries in the District do not come within the Smoke Abatement Act.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no facilities under this heading in the District and any suggestion for such provision under present circumstances would be inopportune.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

There were not so many infested premises brought to my notice as in the previous year. The usual methods of fumigating and spraying with insecticide were continued with good effect.

	Infested.	Disinfested.
No. of Council Houses	4	4
No. of other houses.	21	21

SCHOOLS.

The elementary schools in the District are under the control of the North Riding County Council who attend to their own alterations and repairs.

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES.

Periodical visits were made to these premises during the year. The defects found were of a minor nature and were remedied on representations being made to the occupiers. There is only one outworker registered in the District and the work is of an intermittent nature.

SECTION 'D'

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b)).	=	8
(b) (1) By the Local Authority	=	-
(2) By other bodies or persons	=	8

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	=	919
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		2057
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations, 1925	=	28
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		846
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	=	--
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	=	28

2. Remedy of defects during the year without the service of Formal Notices :-

Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	=	1111

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-		
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs		--
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:-		
(a) By Owners	=	--
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	=	--
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-		
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	=	--
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after the service of Formal Notices :-		
(a) By Owners	=	--
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners.	=	--
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-		
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made		--

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders = --

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made = --

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respcet of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit --

4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV - Overcrowding :-

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of 1939 = 39
(2) Number of families dwelling therein 39
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein 299

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during 1940. 4

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1940. 3
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases 21

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. --

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report. --

SECTION "E".

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

All the meat supplies in this Area are now received from the adjoining County Borough and allocated to the butchers from a distributing depot. Regular visits are made to the depot at the times when the meat is being received or allocated. The fresh killed meat is inspected in the Borough's Public Slaughterhouse at the time of slaughter whilst the frozen meat is inspected at the wholesale establishments. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that the quantity found to be unfit for food is very small. Complaints have been made regarding both the inspection and quality of meat received with good effect.

579 visits were made in connection with meat and food inspection; the approximate quantities of meat, exclusive

of offals and joints which passed through the distributing depot was:-

Fresh Killed

Sides of beef -	1095	Sheep & Lambs -	6341
Carcases of Pigs	1044	Calves	50

Imported.

Fore & Hind quarters of beef)	525	Sheep & Lambs	13,792
		Carcases of Pigs	103

Apart from unsatisfactory meat returned to the senders the following was found to be unfit for food :-

Fresh & frozen livers, lungs & joints -	3cwts.	2 qrs.	18 lbs.
Sundry joints & offals of Pork -		1 qr.	6 lbs.

MILK SUPPLY.

The number of milk producers and wholesalers did not vary during the year

The number of cowsheds remained the same as in the previous year (14) and the number of cows was approximately 116.

70 visits were made to cowsheds, dairies and milkshops and any request regarding limewashing and cleansing was attended to without undue delay.

There are no premises in the District registered under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936. Three dairies outside the District hold supplementary licences to sell "pastuerised milk" in the Area.

57 informal samples of new milk were taken for analysis and office tested all of which proved genuine. The highest fat content recorded was 4.6% and the lowest 3.1% with an average of the 57 samples of 3.4% which is a good average. All the samples were passed through cotton wool filter pads to ascertain the dirt content and where necessary the attention of the vendors and producers was drawn to the necessity of keeping the milk clean.